













THROUGH THE VALLEY OF  
ACHOR.

Reported from a Correspondent on the Part  
of a Prominent Minister.

A BAD STORY.

About twelve months since, the Rev. Gilbert H. Robertson, then the Pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Illinois, was called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in this city—corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets, in connection with the Northern Assembly.

Mr. Robertson took charge of the Church we believe, in September. The congregation, one of the largest and wealthiest in the city, had been for some months without a pastor, and was in a languishing and disturbed condition.

The call to Mr. R. was made with great unanimity, and his coming was hailed with pleasure and satisfaction. Entering upon his duties he seemed to give new life to the church, the attendance at once rapidly increased, and the future promised a season of great usefulness and many blessings.

The new pastor was earnest and unfailing in his work. In the pulpit and in the discharge of his pastoral duties, he won the hearts of his flock, and made himself, wherever he went, sympathetic and admiring friends. Indeed, he may be said to have taken a position in the advance with the most distinguished and best beloved of the ministers of our city. A sermonizer of more than ordinary culture and attainments, of finished manners and winning address, apparently devoted, as he was active and untiring in the work of the church, he became a man of mark in our community, commanding the respect, the confidence, and sympathy of all good people.

A few days since his congregation voted him a leave of absence from his ministerial labors until the 1st of September next, that he might recruit his health, and escape from the heat and dust of the city. On Sabbath evening last he preached to a crowded and appreciative audience his farewell sermon, and it was most appropriate and touchingly beautiful. His text was Hosea 2-10: "And the Valley of Achor for a door of hope," and there occurred in the sermon this passage:

"Afflictions make this world now often as a wilderness. They bring us down into this Valley of Achor, this place of troubling. I tell the trials and the afflictions that come upon us, then would I give the history of my long ago. Of few days and full of trouble. There are the defects of worldly life; there is the loss of earthly property. There is the loss of human friendship. There is the loss of the love of the world. There are the home sorrows. There are the strokes of adversity that fill the whole soul with bitterness; that shatter the leaves of the dream and lowest spirit; that leave us down in those glooms where the whole life seems one wretched defeat. It is the valley of Achor through which we are passing now. We cry out in this intolerable agony of our spirit."

Poor fallen, wretched, ruined and miserable man. Verily, it is the Valley of Achor through which he is passing now, and from which he, no doubt, this night cries out in the intolerable agony of a crushed and broken spirit.

While the gifted minister was delivering them his farewell sermon the tongue of rumor was busy circulating the story of his wicked practices, of his temptation and his fall.

The statement is that on Monday evening of last week Mr. Robertson left this city without notice to any member of his congregation and went to Chicago, and on Wednesday afternoon he made his appearance at the depot in Chicago, accompanied by a woman, and purchasing tickets for Louisville, engaged a section in a sleeping-car, which they occupied in common. He was recognized by the conductor, and perhaps, by others. He was under the influence of liquor, and his conduct and that of his companion was such as to attract the passengers.

He returned to this city after some delay on the road at 10:45 p. m. on Thursday. On Friday afternoon, between two and three o'clock, he was again at the depot in Louisville, with a small traveling retinue, and there purchased a ticket for Chicago, and producing his minister's card a half fare ticket to Indianapolis, and going to the sleeping coach took a section, and shortly afterwards brought into a car a woman closely veiled. Here, it is said, he was again in a state of helpless intoxication, reeling and falling about the car, and talking wildly and incoherently. Here he was encountered by a distinguished minister of this city, who recognized him. Shortly after the car left he sank to sleep on the seat of the section he had engaged, and at Franklin, Indiana, the place of meeting of the Louisville and Chicago trains, he left the sleeping car and took the train for this city.

Mr. Robertson remained in the city until Monday evening last, when he left for Ohio, whither his family had preceded him some weeks since. The rumors current, before he left in regard to his conduct, were communicated to him, and he was advised to remain and confront them; but he declined, saying he had agreed to meet his wife at Cincinnati, and must do so.

On Tuesday he was telegraphed and urged to return. No answer was received to the telegram, but a letter came from him on yesterday night, while, denying the accusations in part, fails to meet them in such a manner as to leave any hope that they are in any essential particulars untrue.

These, we believe, are the facts as they are known to the public, and, as we are most deeply pained to be compelled to say, are almost universally believed to

be true. The stinging, pungent, and disgusting details we have not felt it our duty to publish.

And what shall be said of him, the author of all this shame and wrong to the cause of the Master whom he professed to serve? Let the answer come from himself. In his sermon of Saturday night last, he said:

"God says of Israel as of a wife that had forsaken her husband and gone after another lover: I gave her corn and wine and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal. It was a fearful accusation. The ingratitude of it, and the daring of it, are unparelleled. It is an indictment that might be brought against many in our modern Churches. God blessed us with abundance of wealth and untold good, and they sacrificed that to vanity and sensual indulgence; they made ornaments out of the gold and silver to decorate their idol. Pledge their pure and sacred treasure at the feet of Mammon. The punishment threatened, and which at last, in a terrible keeping with the offense."

ITEMS WORTH READING.

Ice cream is frozen by steam at Columbia, South Carolina.

It takes \$600 worth of gold leaf to decorate a first-class sleeping car.

So far eight hundred dead bodies have been recovered from the ruins at Antioch.

An extensive mint of counterfeit nickels was recently broken up in New Orleans.

A lady in Richmond, Virginia, has ordered a forty-two dollar pair of stockings for her wedding.

The East river bridge in New York has cost about \$43,000,000 already and is only just begun.

One-tenth of the entire population of the United States is dependent upon the production of iron for support.

Those who would successfully pursue others to the practice of total abstinence, must themselves abstain.

In portions of Pennsylvania, the potato-bug has been comparatively idle this season, and potatoes are sold at ten cents a bushel.

Grant-and-Wilson pencils have appeared in Pittsburgh. They are not likely to be consumed in footing up Grant's majorities.

The editor of a western paper having received a bank note directory returned thanks, and modestly asks for some bank notes upon which to test its accuracy.

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